



ADVISORY BOARD

July 13, 2009
City Hall – 4th Floor 12:30 p.m.
Engineering Conference Room
2 Civic Center Plaza, El Paso, Texas

MINUTES

Members Present: 6

Richard C. Bonart, Luis M. Ruiz, Jose M. Landeros, Charles S. Wakeem, James H. Tolbert, Lois Anne Balin

Members Absent: 2

Michael E. Armstead, Richard L. Thomas

Member Vacancies: 1

Ex-Officio Members Present: Gonzalo Cedillos

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Shamori R. Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Parks Coordinator, Antonio De La Rosa, Engineering Lead Technician, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Other Staff Present: Philip Etiwe, Development Review Manager, Eddie Garcia, Planning Division, Martin Noriega, Engineering Department, Kareem Dallo, Engineering Division Manager, Fred Lopez, Planning Division, Sandra Riccillo, District 1

1. Meeting Called to Order - Shamori Whitt, Open Space, Trails & Park Coordinator called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m. Introductions and membership acknowledged. Ordinance No. 016912 distributed to the Board by Rick Bonart (handout).
2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair – Motion by James Tolbert to nominate Richard Bonart as Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board. Second by Charles Wakeem. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by James Tolbert to nominate Charles Wakeem as Vice Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board. Second by Lois Balin. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion and Action: Regarding a formal recommendation to the City Plan Commission (CPC) on the Desert Spring Land Study. Public comments by; Eddie Garcia (Development Services), Kareem Dallo (Development Services), and Kevin Von Finger (Public). Map illustration presented to the Board and open discussion ensued. James Tolbert made a motion to make a recommendation to CPC at their meeting on July 16, 2009 to postpone approval pending further discussion with the developer. Second by Charles Wakeem. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Adjournment - Motion made by Charles Wakeem to adjourn. Second by Lois Balin. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.